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Welcome to Happy Tails magazine



Jennifer Frazier

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Autumn, what's not to like? Finally some rain and cooler temps, so refreshing for the people, animals and the landscape. Perfect days for holding fund raisers and animal adoption fairs outside. Please check out our calendar for the month, some great things going on inside and out. We hope anyone, before going out and buying a new pet, will attend one of the adoption events or visit one of the shelters or local rescue groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new photographer, Ken Sykes to *Triad Happy Tails Magazine*. Ken does beautiful work using a variety of finishes and techniques, sure to please the most discerning client. Check out his website: www.whiskertales.net for some examples of his artistry.

October brings us not only great weather and beautiful foliage, but Halloween! What fun for kids and adults alike, but please

take a moment to protect your pets during this holiday. Candy, decorations and those visiting ghouls can pose a danger to our animal friends. Use common sense, check out some tips in our magazine and go online to see what you can do to protect your pets so everyone can enjoy the season.

This month we feature an article about feral cats and the trap, neuter, return program. These folks do a great job helping to control the feral cat population. As always, we want to stress the importance of spaying/neutering ALL animals. Adoptions alone cannot alleviate the terrible situation of unwanted animals!

Listed below are the people who make it possible to keep these issues in front of the public. Please take a minute to check out who they are and patronize them whenever possible. Some of them are in a pet-related industry and some are not, but ALL are responsible for boosting animal adoptions in our area.

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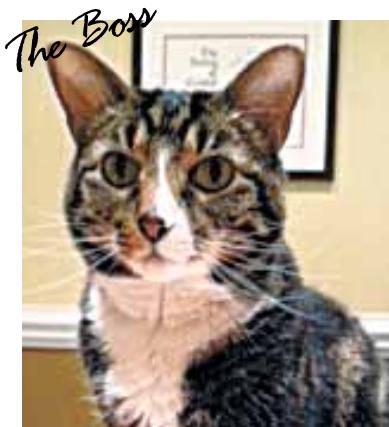
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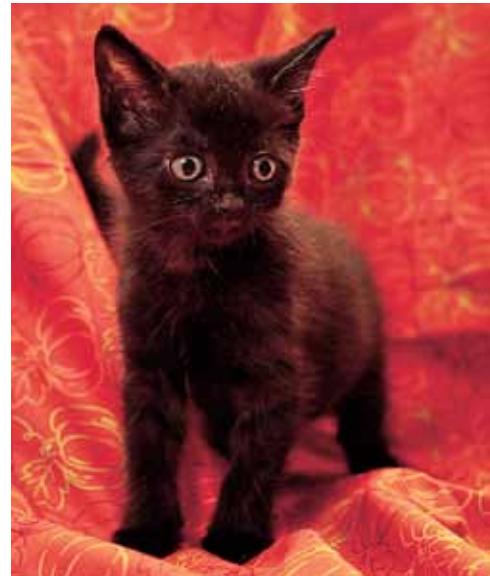
By Lorraine Marshall, with Linda Schwoeppe
of NC Cat Adoption Team

Because adopting a kitty is a commitment for as long as he or she lives, it is important to think about what it is you are looking for, and then take steps to find the right match. Today, with the advances in medical care and nutrition, cats can live longer than 20 years, and we at NC CAT want to ensure that for however long your new pet lives, each of you enjoys every minute of it!

Because all kittens are adorable, it makes sense to do a little research about what this tiny baby will be like in six months, a year, five years. Too often, our hearts go out to the little one staring back at us and before we know it, we have a new family member. The ASPCA has formulated a list of different personality traits in cats that might help you determine what type of kitty is perfect for you. They call this the Feline-ality. If you are interested in reading about their methods, check online at <http://www.aspca.org/adoption/meet-your-match/feline-ality-101.aspx>.

The questions to ask yourself before you adopt involve determining which type of kitty personality would best suit your lifestyle. If you have young children in your home, perhaps you should be looking for a playful kitty that is able to hold its own, and not one that will run for its life as soon as the kids appear! A gregarious and adventuresome cat will join in with all the fun and games. If your home is quiet or, if you live alone, perhaps you would like an affectionate, friendly cat to keep you company. Some cats prefer to be near their owners and love nothing better than to join you on the sofa for some TV time, or sit by your side in your home office. An adult cat, of a year old or more, would be perfect in this situation!

If no one will be at home for a substantial portion of the day, consider adopting a bonded pair of kittens or an adult cat that would enjoy its own space. Cats are social and need interaction. If left alone too long, kitties can figure out all kinds of trouble to get into! Additionally, we



Featured above is Coal, featured below is Sterling and featured on the bottom left are Sweet Tater & Zinnia. All are available for adoption through NC Cat Adoption Team.



find that a kitty living with a buddy is much happier and better adjusted in every aspect of its life.

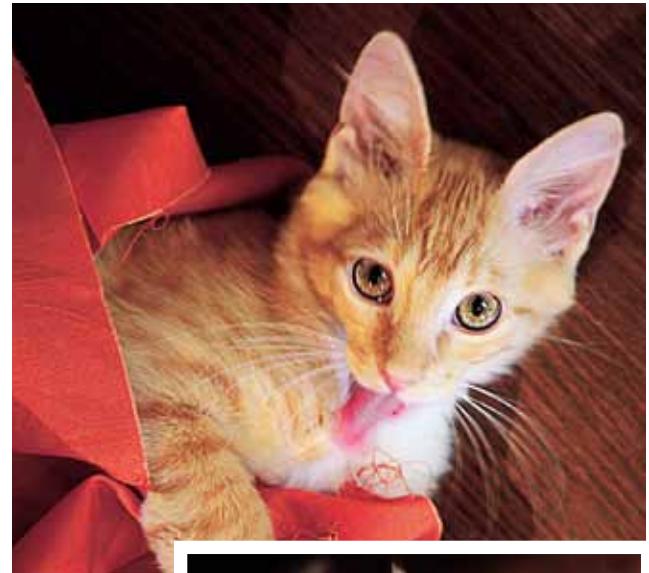
Many people come to us wanting to adopt a "lap" cat or a kitty that likes to be held. Most kittens enjoy being held, but as they grow older, many cats do not. There are some kitties, however, that crave attention and human contact. This could be a benefit or not, depending on how much time you actually have to devote to the cat. Be careful what you wish for! Adopting an adult cat would enable you to be sure you are getting your heart's desire!

Many foster families also have other animals, such as dogs, birds, etc. If this is the case with your family as well, a question to ask is what kinds of animals will be living with your kitty? Also, if you plan to travel with your kitty, find out if the cat travels to and from pet fairs and vet appointments easily, or is it wailing in misery the entire time?

Once you determine what kitty personality would best fit your lifestyle, it is time to think about other factors as well. We think it is also important to consider the amount of time an adopter is willing to put into the upkeep and grooming of a cat. While we all know how gorgeous a Persian or Himalayan can be, we recognize that it might not be the best animal for a busy family with young children, for example. The grooming alone requires at least thirty minutes every day. On the other hand, young kittens

require a gentle home at first with people able to provide lots of time and attention. For this reason, we recommend that they be adopted in pairs to prevent loneliness. Logically, a home with rambunctious children and/or dogs might do better with an older kitten—say 6 months, or a young adult cat. By that age, kitties can rock and roll with the best of them!

Even with the best planning and preparation, the most important help in choosing the perfect kitty for you will come from the people who are caring for the animals. Discuss your needs with the staff and volunteers at your local shelter or rescue group. Go to the adoption fairs held in your area and get to know the volunteers. Find out how they are caring for the animals. Are they healthy and well socialized? What, if any, follow-up is offered if there are questions or concerns? If you spend some time assessing what type of home you have and what kitty personality would make the best fit, you will be rewarded with years of companionship, entertainment, and love.



Featured above at top right is Fritter, and BonBon is just beneath; Ivy is featured to the left. All are available for adoption through NC Cat Adoption Team

To adopt any of these kittens, or the cover kitten, contact NC Cat Adoption Team by email at cats@nccat.net or visit www.nccat.net.





Feral Cats

By Anna Galloway-Currie

Sunday, October 16, 2011 is National Feral Cat Day. This is a day put aside to recognize feral cats and to promote **TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN** (TNR) as the most effective, efficient and humane method of feral cat population control.



Cat that has been captured, being weighed and readied for check up vaccinations and spaying/neutering.

You might say, "What is a feral cat"? A feral cat is an undomesticated cat that exists because it is the offspring of a lost or abandoned pet cat or other feral cats that have not been spayed or neutered. Non-spayed female cats can reproduce two to three times a year. The kittens of these cats, if they survive, become feral if they do not have early contact with humans. Cats can become pregnant as early as five months of age. This can be a frightening statistic without TNR.

TNR is a strategy for improving the lives of feral cats. It is a proven way to reduce their numbers. This very effective program spays or neuters a feral cat, vaccinates them against rabies, treats them for fleas and surgically ear-tips one ear of the cat. The ear tipping is a universally recognized sign that a cat has been part of a TNR program. Once all of the cats in a colony have been either spayed or neutered a colony becomes "stable". Typically, new cats will not join a stable colony because they are not accepted.

Feral cats are not accustomed to contact

with humans and are very fearful. They do not adapt easily to living as pets in close contact with people therefore, they live in colonies. Colonies are groups of cats that live together as a "family" in the wild. They defend a particular area where food and shelter are available. These colonies are taken care of by dedicated compassionate caregivers. The caregivers feed, provide shelter, and monitor TNR'd cats for sickness. Feral cats that are part of a TNR program can live very happily in their colonies for their entire life.

Because feral cats live in colonies, it should always be a last resort to move one away from its "family". This type of movement can be very disorienting for the cat. Socializing a full grown feral cat is an involved procedure that should be done only if the caregiver is prepared to keep the cat if it does not re-socialize. You cannot take a cat out of a colony and then put it back into the same colony because the others will not accept it after a prolonged absence. You also cannot add a cat to a different existing colony with much success. Cats are territorial. They will defend their chosen colony to strangers.



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If you find a group of feral cats that is not being cared for and want to help, you can become a caregiver. How do you get started? Make sure the cats have food, water and shelter daily. Continually check the colony for health issues or injuries. Go to



Ear cleaning and a general health exam is part of the process.

www.feralcatassistance.org to find out more about building shelters and feeding stations.

Feral Cat Assistance Program, Inc. (FCAP) also offers a low cost spay and neuter clinic one Sunday a month (except January). Local veterinarians and technical staff come together to provide low cost spay/neuter and vaccination of feral cats in this community and surrounding areas. FCAP offers traps on loan to get colony cats to Spay Day. They also teach individuals how to safely trap and return cats to their colony. See our web page about how cats can be scheduled. This is a great opportunity to make a colony stable at a low cost to the caregiver. This program is funded by donations from the public.



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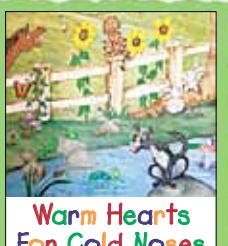
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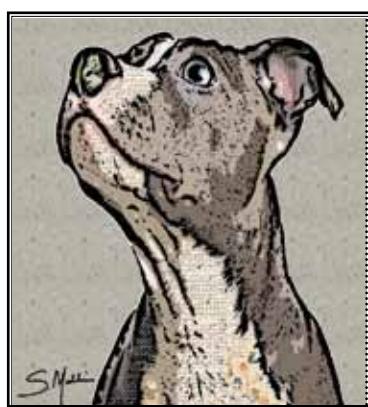
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his buddy Danny were carelessly dumped in someone's yard. Luckily, they were brought to ARFP shortly after and they have started the search for their forever family. Schroeder is a Lab mix.

To give this sweet guy a home, contact ARFP at 574-9600 today! ■



Loki. Three little kittens lost their mittens, and their home. Now Loki is looking for a new home. Born on 3/23/11, Loki is sometimes referred to as the Norse God of Mischief. He is here, there, and everywhere. One thing's for sure, he will bring entertainment to his new home! The adoption fee is \$100. ARFP home delivers 200 miles roundtrip from Greensboro.

Call 574-9600 to learn more about adopting Loki. ■



had a 3 ft. area to eat, sleep, and use the bathroom. On the day that she would be rescued, it rained all day. We received a picture of her standing in water and knew we had to rescue her immediately. Stella more than got her groove on! She has 4 legged friends to play with now, she gets to go on play dates, and she has a foster mother who loves her with all her heart. Born around 5/25/11, Stella has now been spayed and is up-to-date on her vaccinations.

Call ARFP at 574-9600 to meet Stella. ■



Danny. This is Danny Boy! (or just plain Danny is ok too) Danny and his brother Schroeder were dropped off at a property in Guilford County where there were already too many pooches, so here he is with us! Danny is GREAT with other dogs and people of all sizes! At 5 months old, Danny is already housebroken, and is learning to walk on a leash. His canine pals who live with him have been really helpful in getting him acclimated, and he would excel in a house with other dogs! Danny is a very smart pup with quite a bit of energy, but at nighttime he settles down quickly and has even been able to stay out of his crate at night during bedtime. He's a fast learner!

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Rainey and her sister Stormy came to ARFP because their owner was unable to care for them. Rainey is the most affectionate little kitten. She loves to be held and to have her tummy rubbed. She is very playful and loves feather toys and balls. Rainey gets along well with other cats and it is so much fun to watch her and her sister play together! Born on 4/14/11,

both of these sweet girls are ready to find their new homes!

Contact ARFP at 574-9600 to learn more. ■



Harley. Approximately 8 years ago this little girl found her forever home. For 8 years she lived in the lap of a senior citizen that gave her everything she needed. Treats, medical care when needed, and lots of TLC. Harley has lost her true love and her real home. Her mama was recently put into assisted living and Harley was not welcome so

ARFP stepped in to find her a new home. She is now living at the Next Step Adoption Center and adjusted almost immediately. She has won all of our hearts and we are determined to find her another wonderful home. Help us find that home for Harley.

Call ARFP at 574-9600 to adopt Harley. ■



Ask the Vet

Jennifer Mercier, DVM

Raised on a lake in Maine, Dr. Mercier was a competitive gymnast before earning her veterinary degree from N. C. State College of Veterinary Medicine. She has worked with a variety of species, from cats and dogs to zebras and rhinos, before joining The Cat Clinic in 2010. She finds all aspects of veterinary medicine to be challenging and rewarding, but particularly enjoys helping owners understand how to best care for their fuzzy friends. In her off time, Dr. Mercier enjoys cycling, yoga, and hiking.

FELINE OBESITY

Help! My veterinarian just told me my cat is overweight -- or even obese!

Q Why does it matter if my cat is overweight?

A Obesity is now the leading nutritional disorder in domestic cats. If your cat is overweight or obese, he or she is at serious risk of developing all sorts of problems, including diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, arthritis, and a lot more. So here are some hints on how to help your cat lose weight to optimize his or her health.

Q How can you get a cat to lose weight?

A The first thing to do is figure out, with the help of your veterinarian, what your cat's ideal body weight should be. The best way to evaluate a cat's weight is assessing the body condition. Feel the rib cage. You should be able to feel the ribs, but there should be a healthy layer of padding over them. Then, look at the waistline. You should see an hourglass shape, or a small indentation at the waist behind the rib cage. Next, feel the spine and hip bones. You should be able to feel the very tips of the spine on top with a healthy rounded padding on either side and over the hip bones. Finally, don't worry about that small fat pad on the underside of the belly. That's a sign your kitty is healthy!

Q What kind of food should I feed my cat for weight loss?

A Sometimes a special diet isn't necessary, but if your cat needs to lose more than a pound, consider switching to a food that's specifically "light" or "reduced calorie". Some prescription weight loss foods have different percentages of protein and carbohydrates. Higher levels of quality protein may be the best thing to help your cat lose weight, but still maintain lean muscle mass. Another strategy may be switching to a high quality canned food to help reduce the amount of carbohydrates in the diet. Your veterinarian can help you decide what type of food is best and develop a weight loss plan tailored for your kitty.

Q How much food should I feed my cat?

A For a kitty that only needs to shed a few ounces, simply decreasing the daily amount of food may be sufficient. Knowing your cat's ideal body weight, you can determine how many calories your cat should eat in a day to reach and stay at that perfect, healthy weight. Ideally, you should feed your kitty a measured amount of food, rather than keeping the bowl full at all times. If your kitty is a grazer, put out a measured amount daily and let her eat throughout the day. For the average sized cat, about 1/2 to 2/3 cup of dry food per day is plenty! This will vary depending on the type of food you choose and its calorie content. If you want to give canned, wet food as well, drop down to 1/4 to 1/3 cup of dry food and 1/2 to 1 can of wet food.

Q How else can my cat lose weight?

A More play time! Try to increase your cat's exercise. A daunting task, I know, but your kitty will have more and more energy as the weight comes off. Try to do at least one play session per day with a toy such as a laser pointer, crinkled paper, feather, or anything that gets your kitty excited. You can take dry food pellets (out of the usual daily serving) and throw them -- so your kitty has to run and get it. You can even try walking the bowl of food up and down the stairs a few times with the kitty in tow before putting it down.

Finally, regular weight checks will help you monitor progress. You can bring your kitty to the vet or use a scale that measures in pounds and ounces (try a baby or infant scale). Weigh your kitty every 4 to 6 weeks. What we're after is gradual weight loss over about 6 to 8 months for a happy, healthy, fit and trim feline. Remember, you have the power to optimize your kitty's health and wellbeing!



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Fuji was born to a feral mother cat. He was trapped when he was 3-1/2 months old and the plan was to neuter/vaccinate him and return him to his colony. He was just too sweet, so the caregiver placed him in FCAP's adoption program. Fuji is a handsome little boy. He is very curious and likes to explore. He is amazed at all of the new things he has found in his new indoor foster home. He doesn't mind being held and his purr kicks in really fast when he snuggles in your arms.

This sweet boy will make someone a wonderful companion. Fuji is neutered, vaccinated, FeLV/FIV negative and microchipped.

Call 378-0878 to find out more about Fuji. ■



Beta was rescued along with his Mom and siblings. He was born under a house and an FCAP foster parent took them all in to help them find loving homes. Beta is a real cute little boy. The white spot on his throat really stands out against his gorgeous black fur.

Playing with his siblings

is what he does best. He's full of energy and tons of fun! Beta will be neutered and microchipped when he is old enough. He is FeLV/FIV negative and has already started on his vaccinations.

Call 378-0878 to meet Beta. ■



Spike was rescued from under a house, along with his siblings. His mom was a neighborhood stray. His FCAP foster Mom waited until their mother brought them out and then she took them all into foster care. Spike is all boy. He loves to play and rough-house with his siblings. His gorgeous classic tabby markings make him a very handsome boy. Spike will be

neutered and microchipped prior to adoption. He is FeLV/FIV negative and has already started on his series of vaccinations.

Call 378-0878 to adopt Spike. ■



Alpha was rescued along with his siblings and Mom. His Mom was a stray that wandered up and had her kittens under a house. An FCAP foster parent took them all in and put them up for adoption. Alpha's name suits him perfectly. He is already the alpha kitten in the litter of 5. He is outgoing, very playful and full of himself. You couldn't find a happier boy. Alpha will be neutered and microchipped before he is adopted. He is FeLV/FIV negative and has started on his series of vaccines.

Call 378-0878 if you are interested in adopting Alpha. ■



Dusty and his brother Seth were dumped at a housing complex where there is a large colony of feral cats. The colony caregiver received a call from management about them. They were taken into foster care by the caregiver. Dusty is all boy. He loves to run sideways at his brother and play "rough and tumble" with him. He is very outgoing and brave for such a little guy. His gorgeous markings make him very handsome. Dusty gets along with everyone and has never met a stranger. As you can see from his photo, he keeps himself very clean. It was hard to get a photo of him because it was "bath time"! Dusty is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and FeLV/FIV negative.

Call 378-0878 if you would like to meet this handsome guy. ■



Seth and his brother Dusty were dumped at an apartment complex where there is a large colony of feral cats. The management contacted the caregiver and they were placed in a foster home. Seth and his brother love to pounce, jump and stalk each other. It is hard not to spend hours just watching these two play, they are so entertaining. Seth is a very handsome boy with his gorgeous blue tabby and white markings. He likes to be picked up and held, but then he scoots off to

play some more with Dusty. He is very outgoing and sweet. Seth is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and FeLV/FIV negative.

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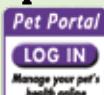
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You can meet Manny at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for him by ID 12509828. ■



Grizzly is a 1 year old Shepherd mix who loves to get outside and explore. Grizzly gets along with other dogs and is learning to walk well on a leash. Grizzly, unlike his name, is very loveable

and gives great hugs. Come by today and get to know Grizzly a little better. Grizzly will be neutered as a part of his adoption fee.

You can meet Grizzly at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for him by ID 13532887. ■



Biscuit is a very sweet American Foxhound mix with a sweet disposition and submissive personality. Biscuit is 5 years old and loves nothing more than to have your affection. Biscuit likes to have a place to nap and

can sometimes be shy around strangers, but when he warms up to you he would do anything for you, so come and see Biscuit today. He has already been neutered as a part of his adoption fee.

You can meet Biscuit at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for him by ID A02657822. ■



Chester is a 2 year, 7 month old Beagle mix with a wonderful personality to match his beautiful heart. Chester loves affection. Give him a scratch on

his back and he'll roll over for a belly rub, and love you even more for it! Chester is such a sweet and gentle dog and would love nothing more than to find his forever home. He is already neutered so he can go home with you today.

You can meet Chester at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for him by ID 12950706. ■



Caylee is 1-1/2 years old and such a sweet domestic short-hair who loves to lounge around. Just a few moments with this mellow cat and you'll be ready to give her a comfy cat

nap in your "furever home". Caylee will be spayed as a part of her adoption fee.

Caylee is at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. If you'd like to come see her, ask for her by ID 12666541. ■



Sadie is a 1 year, 2 month old Boxer/Shepherd mix who is energetic and loves to play fetch and run outside. She's cute as a button and is such a sweetheart, you won't be able to help but fall in love with her after spending just a few minutes with her. So come out and spend some time with Sadie in our Outside Dog Interaction Area. Sadie is already spayed so she's ready to go home with you today.

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You can meet Manny at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for him by ID 13253228. ■



Destiny is a 3 year old domestic medium haired Torbie who is a little shy at first but warms up to people quickly. She has a lovely personality and will make a wonderful addition to most any family. Destiny has already been spayed as part of her adoption fee so she's ready to go home with you today.

You can meet Destiny today at Petsmart on Lawndale-c/o Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for her by ID 13070954. ■



Hercules might be large, but this 3 year old male grey and beige tabby is going to make someone a fabulous lap cat! He has long hair, beautiful green eyes, and is destined to help some lucky family

live happily ever after. He is a true gentle giant and loves to snuggle and be petted. Hercules has already been neutered so he can go home with you today! Can you help Hercules find the loving home he is looking for?

You can meet Hercules at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for him by ID 13303290. ■



Coco, just 1 year old, is as sweet as they come. Still young, Coco loves to play and just loves to have her head scratched and her back rubbed. Time is all it takes to fall for Coco. If you don't fall in love at first sight you're sure to love her positive personality

and all of her puppy love. Coco will be spayed as a part of her adoption fee so come by and see your next best friend today.

You can meet Coco at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for her by ID 13313466. ■



Laydyn is a beautiful 3 year old Calico with brilliant markings and a sweet personality to match. Laydyn likes to be held and to spend most of her time quietly napping or laying in her favorite spot. Laydyn has already been spayed as a part of her adoption fee so she's ready to go to her "furever home" today.

you ever did without him. Come by and meet Taz today, you're sure to fall in love. And since he's already neutered, he can go home with you today!

You can meet Laydyn at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for her by ID 12813436. ■

You can meet Taz at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ask for him by ID 10465037. ■



Bandit is a 45 lb Boxer mix. This cutie is about a year old and is a lover boy! He wandered up one day to a kind person's house and settled in on their porch. They already had 3 dogs and were unable to take in another. He

is a happy, friendly dog who would fit into any environment. He is great with all dogs, people and kids. Bandit is a calm, easy going dog who enjoys going for walks, playing with toys or just chillin'! Bandit is neutered, microchipped and ready to go!

Bandit's adoption fee is \$100. Call 393-0000 for details. ■



Puffin is a seven pound Chihuahua mix who needs a family to love her forever. Her former owners loved her very much but had to give her up when the rules changed at their apartment complex. She is used to being around dogs and cats. She is an affectionate dog who loves to snuggle. She would also enjoy walks on pretty days to help her stay in shape. Puffin is a quiet dog who would fit in very nicely in any environment.

Puffin's adoption fee is \$125. Call 393-0000 for more details. ■



Brinx. This cute little guy is a 3 month old Spaniel mix. We expect Brinx to weigh about 25 lbs when he is full grown. He is a typical puppy. Full of energy one minute and taking a nap the next. He loves to play with other dogs. His favorite game is tease and run. He will go up to the other dogs and try to entice them into chasing him. He was rescued from a neglectful situation. Brinx is a happy little pup who is a quick learner. He became crate trained in just a few

days, so we feel he will house train just as fast.

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Tyra is a friendly, petite kitty who was rescued from a horrible environment. Tyra was living in a situation with too many pets. There was never enough food to go

around. She appreciates her new life and is always seeking affection. Tyra is an easy going cat who is used to being around cats and dogs. She would fit perfectly into any family. We think she is about a year old. Wouldn't Tyra be a great addition to your home?!

Tyra's adoption fee is \$100. Call 393-0000 to meet her. ■



June is a 13 lb., eight year old Spitz mix who is an absolute love. This sweet girl has never met a stranger, loves other dogs and is house-trained. She was found wandering late one night, all dirty and confused. We do not know

how she ended up that way, because it appears that at one time she was someone's pet. She is a low to medium energy dog who is content to relax or go for a stroll. June is playful at times, but definitely not hyper. She has just enough energy to be fun to have around.

June's adoption fee is \$100. Call 393-0000 for more details. ■

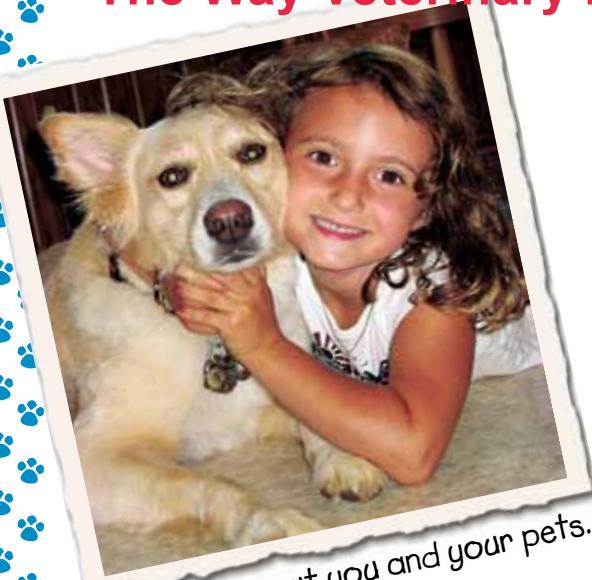


Mikala is an eleven year old Pomeranian whose owner passed away unexpectedly at a young age. Mikala was taken to an animal shelter by the person who was supposed to take care of her. Poor Mikala.. but, her guardian angel must have been watching out for her because the shelter called us and we were able to take her into our program. She is house-trained, very loving and used to other dogs.

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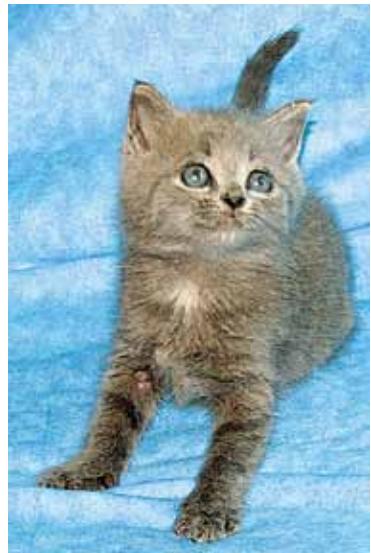
Dulce came to NC CAT with her two tiny kittens, BonBon and Marshmallow. She has since adopted Tootsie, Ash and Coal and now they are one big happy family! A sweeter cat you will never meet and her gorgeous blue eyes will totally captivate you. She loves people and purrs loudly while she makes herself comfortable on your lap. If you would love a little sugar, why not take Dulce home?

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Tootsie is one of Dulce's adopted daughters, and she fit right in. Before that, she was bottle fed by NC CAT since she was found as a very tiny baby. Now, she is ready to go to her forever home with all of the love and confidence that we see in our bottle babies. Who wouldn't want a little baby Tootsie?

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Ash and his brother Coal were brought to NC CAT after being found together without any mama to take care of them. Dulce took them in and cared for them as if they were her own. Now, they are fluffy and roly-poly fat boys, just like kittens should be! If you are hoping for some balls of fur to play with this fall, why not adopt Ash and Coal?

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Peony. Pretty little Peony is a sweet Maine Coon mix kitten looking for a home filled with happiness. She has so much to give and only asks for love in return. Her cute face "makeup" and wistful eyes are endearing and make you want to scoop her up and take her home. Do you have a happy place to take her to?

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Snowman. Christmas in July and Snowmen in September--NCCAT has it all! Snowman was born in June, but his fur is brilliant white, like newly fallen snow. He's round like a snowman with a sprinkle of coal

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Latimer and his sister, Leena, are named from SyFy's "Warehouse 13" and are the purrfect pair to keep the critters of the warehouse at bay. Latimer is keeping all of the toys in line by making sure that they are attacked, played with, tossed up in the air, and carried around for good measure.

His long coat and tufted ears give him a comical look, and his big green eyes just beg you to hold him. Latimer loves nothing more than to chase his sister and the other kitties all around the house. He really is all boy--rough and tumble until he is so tired that he falls asleep, curled up with his sister (or in your arms)!

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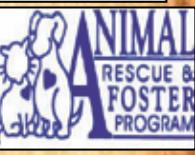


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Junebug was originally adopted out as a kitten three years ago with his sibling, Lovebug, but their owners recently discovered that they could no longer keep them so Junebug came back to us. He is a sweet boy who loves to be petted and hang out with his foster dad. He loves to sit on your lap and get petted for hours. We are pretty sure Junebug has never met a stranger. He is

in great health and would make an excellent addition to any household. Junebug does get along well with his sibling so they can go together, although they don't have to as he is confident enough on his own. Junebug is declawed and will need to be an indoor only cat.

If you are interested in adopting Junebug, visit www.reddogfarm.com for more information. ■



Sydney came to Red Dog Farm after she was found as a stray by one of the staff members at the Animal Hospital at Lake Brandt. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find her owners despite a vast search, posters and phone

calls. She's a sweet girl who enjoys giving kisses and going for car rides. She is a very social little girl who has yet to meet a stranger. Sydney has been vaccinated and spayed and is all ready to go to her new home. She does well with other dogs, and older kids. She is housebroken and crate trained. Sydney is ready to find love and her forever family.

If you are interested in adopting Sydney, visit www.reddogfarm.com for more information. ■



Buzz was all set to go to his new home but that adoption fell through. However, Buzz has decided that the best home for him is still out there. Buzz and his sister, Jesse, are very social and enjoy greeting new guests to their home. In fact, Buzz quite enjoys being a lap kitten. He has recovered from his neuter surgery and has received another round of vaccines. Buzz would love to find his forever home soon and has his bags already packed. In the meantime, he will continue to greet guests, play with the foster siblings, and practice his purring technique for you.

If you are interested in adopting Buzz, visit www.reddogfarm.com for more information. ■



Myrtle is a sweet little pig and gets along great with her pig friends, Otis and Agnes. These three pigs are VERY clean animals and will not use the bathroom in their stall. Pigs are exceptionally smart and can be taught to do all kinds of tricks. They love to go for walks around the farm and will follow us back to their stall for food or when called. They especially love

to eat acorns! They also LOVE to wallow in their swimming hole when it is hot out. A great environment for them would be a stall or shelter of some kind that opens up to a field where they can play, get exercise and have grass to munch on. Myrtle has received her rabies vaccine and is ready to find her forever home!

If you are interested in adopting Myrtle, visit www.reddogfarm.com for more information. ■



Pete has come a long way since we first picked him up at the prison farm after he was abandoned by his previous owners. Sweet Old Pete went to college this past August and has been in training with the young women of

the Salem College Equestrian Team. Pete is being ridden by the team and is doing very well. He is still a bit stubborn but has a great trot and has now had his mane pulled and is comfortable in a wash stall. Pete would be a great show horse or trail horse for an intermediate rider. We can't wait to see him again after "finishing school."

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Freestyle was found lost at a local pool in Greensboro. We are not sure if someone let him go or if he accidentally flew out an open door, but left to fend for himself he never would have made it. Cockatiels don't have food naturally available in the wild around North Carolina plus he appears to never have been outside. Freestyle is friendly; probably already finger trained and was well cared for before becoming lost. If you are interested in a birdie companion, Freestyle is your man. He enjoys chirping, getting petted, and watching his human "flock".

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pet or keep them in a secure, quiet part of the house. To be safe make sure all pets are wearing proper identification & have them microchipped!

3) Be Street Smart! If you take your dog trick or treating with you make sure to keep them on a short leash & wear a reflective vest or collar. People are distracted by costumes or watching for children, they might not see your furry family member.

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Alexandra.

This little girl is just begging to meet you! She is only 6 months old and appears to be a Beagle/Lab mix. She is so sweet and enjoys the company of other animals and people of all ages. Alexandra is a little shy at first, but once she warms up, this

girl is quite a love bug! Are you looking for a girl like Alexandra?

Call SPCA of the Triad at 375-3222 to adopt Alexandra. ■



Stella was found wandering the streets not long ago. She is a darling 1 year old Boxer in wonderful health! Little Stella is about 40 pounds and likes being around other animals. She is gentle with

children and loves to run and play.

Call SPCA of the Triad at 375-3222 to find out more about Stella. ■



Boogie has been with us since birth! He is now 8 months old and we cannot believe he is still here!! Boogie has such a delightful kitten energy about him and he will keep you laughing. He loves taking naps in your lap and loves his cage mate Polly, an 8 month Tortie. Adopt them both?

Call SPCA of the Triad at 375-3222 to find out more. ■



Ringo is such a goof ball! He is an 18 month old Mini Pincher mix with so much personality, it is almost too much for one dog! Ringo loves to chase toys and play with other dogs. He loves people and is quite the attention hound.

Call SPCA of the Triad at 375-3222 if you're interested in adopting Ringo. ■



Madison (or Maddy), is a 15 month old Calico who had been neglected and abused her entire life until she was brought to a high kill shelter. The SPCA rushed in so that this sweet girl would not have to die without ever knowing love. Maddy enjoys window naps and playing with other kitties. Can you give her the loving home she deserves?

Call SPCA of the Triad at 375-3222 if you're interested in adopting Madison. ■



Rusty is a handsome 5 year old Collie/Golden Retriever mix who came to us a very long time ago. He had severe heartworm disease and has finally finished his treatment. Rusty is ready to melt your heart with his funny antics and his sweet smile.

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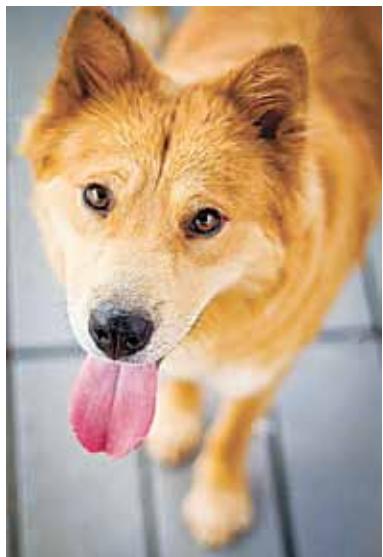
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Sasha is a sweet, curious girl who is loving the comforts of home. She loves everyone she meets and plays well with other dogs. Sasha is a 2 year old Shepard/Spitz mix and weighs approximately 55 lbs. She is house broken and crate trained.

If you have room in your home and your heart for this beautiful girl, please come visit an AARF adoption fair or call 768-7387 for more information. ■



Sharkey is a large, handsome, solid grey (almost blue) declawed short haired cat. This poor guy was rescued from a high-kill animal shelter after being surrendered by his elderly owner. Sharkey is a very

social big boy and is looking for that right forever home. Could you give him the home he is looking for?

If you are interested in adopting Sharkey, please send an email to janicefreeman@triad.rr.com for more information. ■



Scout is a beautiful 9 month old Boxer/Lab mix. Her picture says it all! She is great with everyone she meets. Scout is very intelligent and loves to learn. She has great house manners and would make a wonderful addition to someone's home.

Scout can't wait to have a family of her own, so please come visit her soon at an AARF adoption fair or call 768-7387 for more information. ■



Cherise and her 5 babies were living on the grounds of an apartment building and being fed by the tenants. When the landlord threatened to have them "evicted" and taken to animal control, a kind woman tenant brought them to AARF. Cherise is a short haired dilute calico with a calm and loving nature, about 2 years old.

To adopt Cherise, email katfagin@gmail.com for more information. ■



Porter is a loveable Beagle/Bulldog mix. He loves everyone he meets, and likewise - everyone who meets him seems to be quite taken with him. Porter loves to play with other dogs, loves to fetch... and most of all, he loves belly rubs! He is approximately 2 years old and weighs 45 lbs. Porter would love for you to come say hello at an AARF adoption fair!

Call AARF at 768-7387 to meet Porter and find out more about this loveable guy. ■



Koda is a beautiful solid white long haired male kitten with blue eyes. He's very sweet although shy at first. He was born about April 15th. He loves to play and spend time with siblings Sissy and Cassie. He would probably prefer an adult only home.

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like Mozart, Dickens and Lord Byron. I also like to chase string.

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Trixie. They tell me I'm the sweetest puppy of all time! I hope you think so too. I'm pretty calm most of the time, but if you like to romp around in the back yard on a gorgeous fall day, I'm your girl! I went hiking a few weeks ago with some volunteers and did great! Just a sec . . . I'll talk to you later. They're bringing the food!

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Diana. Yes, I am named after Diana Ross. I have a beautiful voice and the most beautiful coat you've ever seen. I even have her eyes! This photo doesn't do them justice. I'm not egotistical. I'm

just stating the facts. You really need to come on down and see me dance! I am around six months old and would love to have some nice person take me home.

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JC. Can you believe it? Someone tied me to a street sign and left me! I can't believe it either. So, anyway, they brought me to the shelter to keep me safe. The only problem I have with it is my name: My initials stand

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Pepper. Hi! My name is Pepper. Just look at my beautiful markings! I have pretty much every color represented on my body. I'm a little shy at first, but I can be really playful once you get to know me. Speaking of which, you should come to the shelter and do just that.

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If you are interested in adopting Kit Kat, call 721-1303 for more information. ■



Bugsy is a very cute 1 ½ year old Hound mix. He currently resides at the Forsyth Humane Society and is catching everyone's eye. Weighing in at 60 lbs, this goofy guy will need a fenced in yard and lots of room to run. He is high energy and would be a great fit for an active family. If you like to jog or take long walks, he

would be your perfect partner!

If you are interested in adopting Bugsy, stop by the Forsyth Humane Society or give us a call for more information at 721-1303. ■



Precious was surrendered to the FHS because her owner passed away. She is a 6 year old Shepherd mix and is low key but would enjoy taking a stroll around the neighborhood when the weather is nice. She came from a home with other dogs and cats and gets along fine with both. Precious is very sweet and would like a laid-back

home where she can be happy living out her years.

Call 721-1303 to give Precious the home she is looking for. ■



Ama Ebi is a 2 month old female Tabby - white, domestic short hair. Ama Ebi is having a great time at the FHS facility with her siblings. Ama loves to play and have fun and there is never a dull moment when she is around. Her new family should have some children for her to play with as she loves to interact with people of all ages.

Call Forsyth Humane Society at 721-1303 to find out more about Ama Ebi. ■



Lando is a 2 year old, male Buff, domestic medium hair. Lando is currently lounging at the Forsyth Humane Society and is catching up on his sleep. This Buff colored cat is not very active but loves attention and people. He is typically shy around strangers, but after a quick sniff he will warm up to you. Lando needs a laid-back home that will have places for him to lounge and look outside.

If you would like to offer Lando his forever home, please visit the Forsyth Humane Society or give us a call at 721-1303 for more information. ■



Joey is a handsome 2 year old black and white American Bulldog. Joey is currently in foster care and thriving. Joey and his sister were rescued from a high volume kill shelter where they were at death's door. They have been given a second chance and both have made huge strides. This active boy loves people and needs a home with enough

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Doberman Rescue of the Triad

are very well-behaved and well-mannered Doberkids who are very closely bonded with one another, and as such, it's our goal for them to be adopted together. They are both good with other dogs and older children. Bowe is a laid-back couch potato with a very easy-going personality. Spiffy is the female and the unquestioned leader of the two. But while she takes charge of her brother, she has no question that the humans are still the top authority and as a result she is also very obedient. Both are up-to-date on all vaccinations.

Visit www.doberman-rescue.com for contact information. ■



Bowe & Spiffy are 5 year old siblings and come from a home where their beloved human had to move into assisted living due to health complications. They both

are very well-behaved and well-mannered Doberkids who are very closely bonded with one another, and as such, it's our goal for them to be adopted together. They are both good with other dogs and older children. Bowe is a laid-back couch potato with a very easy-going personality. Spiffy is the female and the unquestioned leader of the two. But while she takes charge of her brother, she has no question that the humans are still the top authority and as a result she is also very obedient. Both are up-to-date on all vaccinations.



Pebbles. This sweet lady is house, leash and crate trained and due to her sight and hearing limitations will require a strict routine. She is very mellow and relaxed around other dogs. She had the best day recently when she was swarmed by a threesome of children, ages 4 to 8 and she was beyond thrilled! Pebbles was raised

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Carolina Care Bullies

Scarlett is a Pit Bull puppy, approximately 8 months old. She is a very sweet loving girl who just wants to be loved back. She loves to play and wrestle and gets along great with other dogs. She loves to be snuggled and hugged. She is already great at sitting when she wants love, attention, treats or toys. She has a gentle mouth, meaning she takes things from your hand very gently, no snapping or grabbing. She is great on a leash, doesn't pull at all, and rides in the car well.

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Kirby. Meet Kirby, a 5 year old female Parsons Jack Russell Terrier who was found as a stray dog. Despite our best efforts to locate her owner, no one stepped forward to claim her. Kirby is a very friendly and loving dog. According to our vet, she appears to have had a recent litter of puppies. Kirby has been spayed, microchipped and brought up-to-date on all of her shots. She loves

going on walks, enjoys playing with other dogs and likes to be held. She will make a great companion for someone who enjoys the brains of a Jack Russell but one that is on the calmer side.

Kirby's adoption fee is \$250. To give Kirby a great home contact Robin at 336-414-1373 or Robin@insightrecruiters.com. ■



Pug Rescue of NC

If you think you might want to adopt me, please put in your application at www.apugrescue.org. My adoption fee is waived for the perfect family, just asking for a tax deductible donation to help save needy pugs like me. I am currently living in a foster home in Summerfield, NC. ■

Oscar. Hi I am Oscar, I am the sweetest boy. I have skin allergies and must be kept on a strict grain free diet. My previous owner took me off my diet and my foster mom has worked hard to get my hair to grow back. Now I have a new coat and I am looking for my new forever family that will give me the love and the care that I need so that I do not lose my hair again. I am neutered and up-to-date with my shots.



German Shepherd Rescue & Adoptions

Abby is a beautiful 5 year old sable GSD who was surrendered to the Dare County Animal Shelter by her mom who said she didn't have enough room for her. She knows all the basic commands, is housebroken, crate trained, gets along well with dogs, cats and courteous kids. Abby is a typical "Nannie" dog and is a little nervous around strangers and new situations. She loves to go for rides in the car, get her hair brushed, play around in the yard, and hang out with her family, but her favorite thing is to go for walks. Abby would do well as a second dog with an active family who could spend time with her. She is waiting patiently to share her love with the right family.

Visit www.gsdrescue.org for more information. ■



Greyhound Friends of NC

Getaround Ebony. I am a gorgeous girl! Everybody tells me that. And I'm sweet, zesty and happy. I'm not sure what zesty means, but I love to play and be petted. I love everything. I would be gentle and easily trained because I am only three and a half years old. My racing name is Getaround Ebony, but everybody calls me Ebony because I am all black, except for

my toes and chest. I would be happy to live in a home with a cat, too. Won't you take me home with you?

For more information, call Blanche Fedor at 336-601-7810, or email greytvolunteer@earthlink.net or visit the Greyhound Friends of North Carolina website, www.greyhoundfriends.com. ■



NC Lab Rescue

Fletcher is a beautiful black Lab, about 80 pounds. He is very gentle, walks well on a leash, rides well in the car, and absolutely loves to be with you. His favorite toy is a Kong stuffed with frozen peanut butter, but he will also fetch a tennis ball. Fletcher is great with all people and dogs. Fletcher has been around children as young as 3 (for a short amount of time) and was very sweet and well behaved. He hasn't been around cats, so we are not sure how he does with them. Fletcher has proven to be a little bit of an escape artist so a secure fence is a must for this guy (and not outside jaunts unattended).

Visit www.labrescuenc.org for details on adopting Fletcher. ■

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Who: Pet lovers and their pets.

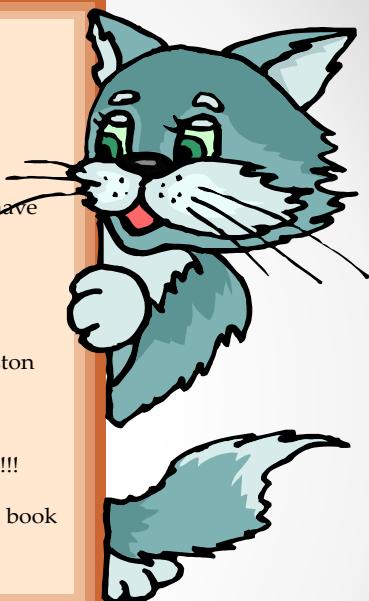
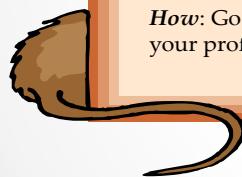
What: Pet photo sessions provided by professional photographers that have donated their time and talent to help save pets.

When: Oct. 22-23 Sessions are available from 8AM-12PM and 1PM-5PM by appointment only. Hurry! Limited space available.

Where: Fourth of July Park in Kernersville and Washington Park in Winston Salem.

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Tailless Cat Rescue

Reilly was born about 4-13-2009, and is a tabby-and-white stumpy Manx with medium to long fur. His personality matches his good looks. A friendly and affectionate fellow, he loves attention and being petted. Reilly is also good with most other cats and dogs and he likes to play. He has a very mild case of the condition called cerebellar hypoplasia (CH), but mostly functions fine, he's just a touch off balance sometimes....and, well, not terribly bright. Reilly is vaccinated, vetted, wormed, neutered, microchipped, and FeLV/FIV negative.

For more information contact TCR at taillesscatrescue@hotmail.com or visit www.taillesscatrescue.com. ■



Miracles at Work Rescue

Dutches is a 6 year old Boxer/Bulldog. She is fully vetted, and TOTALLY house trained! Dutches is a very loving girl who needs to be the only dog in the family (she is extremely jealous of other dogs). As the only dog, she would make a great addition to your family!

If you would like to adopt Dutches, please call Gail at Miracles at Work Rescue at 336-708-0343 or call 336-294-2833. ■



Malcoms Manor

Theodore comes from a colony that was picked up by animal control and was rescued before they euthanized him. He is a big cat with a great personality. He's gentle and loves attention and will stretch up on your leg if you are not giving it to him. Theo is approx 3-4 years old, neutered and UTD on shots. Although he is healthy he tested positive for FIV. He must be kept indoors in a home without other cats (or with another FIV cat). He is a wonderful boy and deserves a good home.

For more details, please visit www.malcolmsmanor.com or email marianne@malcolmsmanor.com. ■



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Dakota. Meet Dakota, a beautiful seven month old German Shepherd looking for a loving forever home. Dakota is a great dog who loves other dogs and people. He is shy at first, which is a typical trait of the German Shepherds—but warms up quickly. He loves to play and is eager to please and learn. Dakota is up-to-date on all his vaccinations and neutered.

If you can offer Dakota the loving home he deserves please email ginny@classysassypaws.com. ■

Malcolm's Manor

see ad on page 37

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Tapioca is a very loving female kitty who is around 1-1/2 years old. This sweet baby girl has been at the shelter a very long time, since AUGUST 2010, almost her whole life. She has been in a foster home some of that time so that she could experience

what a home feels like. She enjoyed that feeling very much and is ready for adoption. She is now back and would be forever grateful to have a forever home and family. Can you give this sweet girl the home she deserves? **Meet Tapioca at PetSmart on Lawndale, or call the GCAS at 336-297-5020, ask for her by ID 11339156.**

Tapioca is sponsored by Hairworks by Dianne. Please Adopt!



Skyler. Hello! My name is Skyler. I'm a Labrador mix, only 3-1/2 years old. If I may be blunt, to know me is to love me!! I'm a laid-back guy with personality-plus! I love going outside for walks and adore being petted! I hope to be adopted soon, I just can't wait to be a part of a family. **If you would like to meet me, I am temporarily living at the Guilford County Animal**

Shelter. Call 297-5020 or come on out and visit today. Ask for me by ID 13184576.

Skyler is sponsored in memory of Ed Alexander by Ronnie, Marsha, Mark & Jenny



Todd. Hi there! My name is Todd. I'm a 9-month old terrier mix. Fortunately for me, I was pulled from a high-kill shelter and am now hoping to find a family to spend

my life with. It's quite a mystery how a guy like me could ever be homeless. I mean, I love people of all ages and am a good friend to other dogs and even cats!! My favorite activities include going on walks and sitting in nice comfy laps. **So if you think you could fall in love with a guy like me, I hope you will call the SPCA of the Triad at 375-3222. Tell them Todd sent you.**

Todd is sponsored in honor of Martha Rike.

Cody. Ok, it's true. I am the most handsome husky of all time. At least that's what they tell me. I'm also very easy to get along with. I've lived all 6 years of my life outside, but I'm quite well behaved. My sister, Sadie, was adopted this week so I'm

kinda lonely, but you could help with that. Drop by and see me when you get a chance. Oh yeah, could you bring me a hot dog? **If you would like to meet me, you'll find me at Forsyth County Animal Control. Call 703-3647 or come on out and visit today. Ask for me by ID A243283.**

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Who would have thought I would have ended up Dog of the Week with the way my life started?

My first home, if that's what you want to call it, wasn't that great. The people that had me moved away and left me outside during one of the coldest and snowiest months North Carolina had seen in years.

Eventually I was taken to the Forsyth County Animal Shelter, where they called me Nabi. The shelter did the best they could with the resources they had - but oh my, that place was crowded and we were afraid.

Luckily I was selected to be "Pet of the



Week" on a local TV news show, and oh how my life changed! On Jan. 11, 2011 a new and happy chapter in my life began. I now enjoy the finer things in life...chas-

ing frogs, good food, treats, actually living IN a house, a big backyard, running fast, napping on my Daddy's lap, play days at Country Kennels (daycare & boarding), and my most favorite thing, lots of love.

Trust me, it wasn't perfect at first. I was still pretty afraid because of all I had been through. I wanted this to be my forever home, but I wasn't always sure how to act, so sometimes I'd try to act tough. Mommy & Daddy wanted me to feel safe, and to know how much I was loved so they got a nice lady to come to the house and help us. Only 6 short months and things could not be better! Well, gotta go, I see a frog I need to chase.

October 2011 Calendar of Events (cont'd)

Red Dog Farm (continued)

Monday, October 17th 6:30pm - Interested in volunteering? Join us for our Volunteer Orientation at our Bur-Mil Park office (5836 Bur-Mil Club Rd) and find out how you can get involved with Red Dog Farm. Visit www.reddogfarm.com for more details!

Saturday, October 29th - Join us as we participate in Noble Academy's Annual Wag N' Wag event. A portion of the proceeds goes towards Red Dog Farm. Please visit www.nobleknights.org/walk-n-wag-2/ for registration information and plan to attend with your favorite furry friend!

Ruff Love Rescue

Saturday, October 15th - 11am-1pm - Sparky's 60th Birthday party at Thomaville Family Funeral Care, 18 Randolph St. Birthday cake served at noon. To benefit Ruff Love Rescue and Friends in Need Animal Rescue of Thomasville.

S.A.F.E. Animal Haven and USERL

Saturday, Oct 8, 2011 - 9 AM – 5 PM - Woof'n And Hoof'n Fall Festival to benefit S.A.F.E. Animal Haven and USERL at Latta Plantation Equestrian Center in Huntersville, NC. Equestrian Poker Run 9am-3pm. Pony rides 6-8pm. Bring your pets - 18 fun contests, Kiddie Corral, Food, Microchip Clinic & much more! Please visit www.woofnandhoofn.webs.com for more information.

SPCA of the Triad

Adoption Fairs in Greensboro every Saturday at PetSmart on Lawndale from 11-2 & every Sunday at Petco on Wendover from 12:30-3:30.

Rabies Clinic held the first Saturday of each month at Pet Supplies Plus on High Point Rd. Cost is \$5 for a 1-year rabies shot.

Tailless Cat Rescue

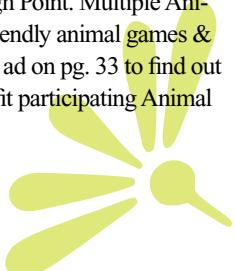
Adoption Fairs - 3rd Saturday of every month - All Pets Considered, 2614 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, 11am-3pm. (Saturday, October 15th).

See ad on page 43.

Saturday, October 1st - 9am-1pm - Pleasant Garden Pet Day at Town Hall, 4920 Alliance Church Rd, Pleasant Garden.

Westchester Country Day School

Saturday, October 8th & Sunday, October 9th - Animal Adoption Fair at Barnes & Noble at 906 Mall Loop Rd in High Point. Multiple Animal Rescue groups, pet-related vendors, kid-friendly animal games & crafts, plus a Pet Goodies Donation Drive. See ad on pg. 33 to find out how your Barnes & Noble purchases can benefit participating Animal Rescue groups. *See ad on pg. 33.*





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Animal Adoption & Rescue Foundation (Winston-Salem)

Adoption Fairs - Saturdays (dogs & cats) from 12-4pm, Tuesdays (cats) 4-7pm & Fridays (cats) 3-6pm - at 311 Harvey St., Winston-Salem. Please visit our website, www.aarfanimals.org for more information.

Saturday, October 15th - 7am-2pm - Rummage Sale - Parkway Presbyterian Church, corner of Yorkshire & Silas Creek Pkwy. \$2 Admission. If you would like to donate items, call AARF at 768-7387 and leave a message for donation times/locations and items to donate.

The Animal Awareness Society

Adoption Fairs - Saturdays 11am-2pm - at Petco on Wendover Ave., Greensboro.

Animal Rescue & Foster Program

Next Step Adoption Center, 705 Milner Dr., Greensboro. Open Saturdays 11am-3pm, Sundays 1-4pm, Wednesdays 5-8pm. Call 574-9600 for more information.

Saturday, October 8th - 11am-2pm - Golden Antiques & Treasures, 4537 Hwy. 220 North, Summerfield, NC. Puppies for adoption. Visit The Shabby Paw, Booth #43. **See ad on pg. 15.**

Monday, October 24th - 7-9pm - "Ask Adam w/Adam Witherspoon of Shiloh K9". Lindley Recreation Center, 2907 Springwood Dr, Greensboro. Adam will be answering questions on canine behavior issues.

***email savapup2@aol.com to bring your dog. Space limited for dogs. **See ad on pg. 43.**

Saturday, October 29th - 10am-1pm - Adoption Day @ Walmart, 3738 Battleground Avenue, Greensboro. Dogs & Puppies for Adoption.

Animal Rescue of Stokes County

Saturday, Oct 8th - 12-4pm - Music for Mutts at Central Park in King, NC. Benefits Animal Rescue of Stokes County. Live Auction, Music, Food, Pet Costume Contest, Microchip Clinic, Winston-Salem Dog Training Club & more. Please visit website, www.animalrescueofstokescounty.com for more information.

Bark for Life

Saturday, October 15th - Bark for Life of High Point at Creekside Park. Registration at 9am, Walk begins at 10am. Call 336-834-0844 for more information. **See ad on pg. 28.**

Saturday, October 29th - Bark for Life of Winston-Salem at Miller Park. Registration at 9am, Walk begins at 10am. Call 336-834-0844 for more information. **See ad on pg. 28.**

Chihuahua Rescue & Transport

Adoption Event - Pet Supplies Plus (Winston Salem location) on the third Saturday of every month from 11am-2pm.

Daisy's Pals

October 22nd & 23rd - Pet photo sessions at Fourth of July Park, Kernersville and at Washington Park, Winston-Salem. Visit www.DaisysPals.com to book your pet photo session. All proceeds benefit Daisy's Pals, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping pet lovers that need financial assistance for their pets in emergency situations. **See ad on pg. 35.**

Feral Cat Assistance Program

For information on Spay Day Clinics, please call 336-378-0878, Line 1.

Adoption fairs are held in Greensboro at PetSmart on Bridford Pkwy. each Saturday of the month from 12-4 and are sometimes held on Sunday afternoons. It's best to call PetSmart at 218-8188 to confirm there is a Sunday adoption fair.

Finding Great Homes for Jack Russell Terriers

Adoption Fairs on Saturdays and Sundays from 10-6pm at 1701 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Greensboro. Call Robin at 336-414-1373 to make an appmt.

Calendar of Events

Forsyth Humane Society (FHS)

On-site Adoption Center located at 61 Miller St, Winston-Salem. Hours are from 11:30am-6pm Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays (Closed Tuesdays); 10am-4pm Saturdays & 1-4pm Sundays.

Guilford County Animal Shelter

Please call 297-5020 for more information on any of our events below.

Adoption Fairs in Greensboro every Saturday - 12noon-3pm at Petsmart on Bridford Pkwy & every Sunday - 1-4pm at PetSmart on Lawndale.

Saturday, October 1st - Rabies Clinic -9am-1pm - Animal Control.

Sunday, October 2nd - Blessing of the Animals - 2-4pm, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Greensboro.

Saturday, October 8th - Adoption Fair at K-mart, S. Main St., High Point.

Saturday, October 8th - Adoption Fair - 11-2, Colonial Grand Apt, W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro

Sunday, October 16th - Adoption Fair, Hayleigh Village Apts, 9020 Eight Belles Ln., Greensboro

Wednesday, October 19th-21st - Lamdba Chi Alpha - Puppy sit at UNCG

Saturday, October 22nd - 2 Loon Rescue Adoption Fair.

Greyhound Friends of NC

Saturday, October 1st - Autumn Unleashed Open House - 10am-4pm at 2908A Oak Ridge Rd in Oak Ridge. Rain or shine - Open to public. Dog costume contest, Blessing of the Animals, caricature artist, photos with Santa, Greyt Dog Pie Toss, raffles, Grandma Genius, & great food. Visit www.greyhouondfriends.com for more information.

Hospice of Alamance

October 18th (6 sessions) - Exploring the Pathways Through Pet Loss at 914 Chapel Hill Rd in Burlington. 5:30-7pm. Call 336-532-7216 for more information.

Humane Society of Alamance County

October 15th - 1-6pm - Woofstock, Amphitheatre in Burlington City Park. Music, Tour de Tailwaggers Mass Dog Walk, food & craft vendors, animal rescue groups, Rabies/Microchip Clinic for reduced rate from 2-4pm, Tie-dye booth. Admission is free. Call 438-2023 for info.

Humane Society of the Piedmont

Planned Pethood Spay & Neuter Clinic - Offering financial assistance to qualified Guilford County applicants. 4527 W.Wendover Avenue, Greensboro - Services available Monday through Friday by appointment only. Call 299-3999 for details.

NC Cat Adoption Team

Adoption Fairs - PetSmart on Lawndale Drive, Saturdays from 11am-2pm.

Pug Rescue of NC

October 15th - 10am-5pm - Pugs & Pals Picnic at Camp Carefree, 175 Carefree Ln, Stokesdale. \$10 picnic admission in advance, \$15 admission at gate. Admission includes food, drink & door prize ticket. Wine Tasting tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, includes wine, cheese & hors d'oeurves. Visit www.apugrescue.com.

Red Dog Farm

Saturday, October 8th 10am-4pm - Nothing says fall has come like the changing of the leaves and Bur-Mil Park's Fall Festival. Join us as we celebrate the fall with food, fun, and our four-legged adoptable friends at Bur-Mil Park! Visit www.reddogfarm.com for more details or 'like' us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/reddogfarm.

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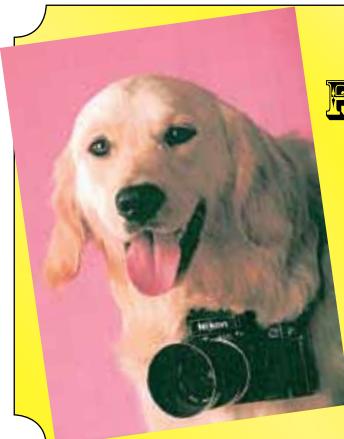
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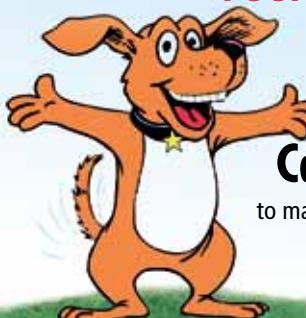
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Do I Need a “Protection” Dog?

By Adam Witherspoon,
Shiloh K-9 Dog Training Services LLC

Police dogs, personal protection dogs, doing bite work... these dogs that do this work are specifically bred and trained for this type of work.



To say that a dog is a “Man’s best friend,” to me is an incredible understatement. They listen to us without criticism, always accept us for who we are and they love unconditionally. They have proven themselves as the single most versatile animal to walk the earth, while also capturing our hearts with loving eyes, snuggles and unlimited kisses. I can think of no greater pet to have than a dog. However, can we push the limits of the dog’s capabilities? Recently, I am seeing a rash of that happening. It seems like every day I hear from different people that get a dog for protection. Oh dear, what a huge mistake. Many of these people want a well behaved dog, that is polite, accepting of company, and completely trustworthy. The ever present statement always follows though: “If someone is trying to get me, I want the dog to do his thing!” This idea must be stopped quickly, as it creates so very much conflict in the dog’s world! Police dogs and personal protection dogs that do bite work, all things that I love and have a passion for, are dogs that are specifically bred and trained for this type of work. The idea that you can go to the pound, or read up on the internet about what breed does well at a specific task like protection, then go buy one and put it in your house expecting it to do the job is grossly misunderstood. The reality is that most of the time, the presence of a dog alone, is deterrent enough to keep away anyone with ill will towards you. But to rely on a dog for your own protection that has not been specifically trained and

bred for that task, is a horrible mistake, as well as an extreme liability. This results in people coming to see me about aggression problems with their dogs. Most of the time unfortunately, I cannot give the owners what they want.

“I don’t want him to bite anyone, I want him to bark, growl and put on a show.”

A dog not bred for this is simply not capable to do this type of thing. Protection dogs require intensive consistent training, as well as being tested thoroughly to determine that they are appropriate. I have only seen two dogs out of hundreds brought to me by someone who already owned it that was truly suitable for the work. This person trains regularly with the dog (which is also required and rarely done) and has made a commitment in a lifestyle change to owning this dog. The responsibility is huge and the

liability is increased as well.

Now having said all of this, it is not unreasonable to expect a dog to bark at the door, or stay beside you in an uncomfortable situation, but that should be the absolute limit to the expectations. A dog that is well behaved, focused on the owner, and really obedient will turn heads, and demand respect. Just don’t put an unreal responsibility on your dog, as he will disappoint you every time. If anyone feels they need a protection dog, while I personally don’t train them for families any more, I would encourage you to call me so we discuss the best route for you to take. This should be a decision made with the utmost of care, taking into consideration all factors in your personal life, as well as others. We can help with that.

This is probably not what a lot of people want to hear, but has needed to be said for a long time. I myself am a very conservative leaning person, and I own several protection dogs, but again, the commitment it takes is extreme, and if not taken seriously can result in irreparable damage to yourself, others or the dog.



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